(b) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. one lakh seventy five thousand crores has been earmarked for this scheme;

(c) whether an outline for this scheme has been drawn-up by Government; and

(d) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) Bharat Nirman has been conceived as a time-bound business plan to be implemented over a period of 4 years (2005-09) for building rural infrastructure. It has six components *viz.* electrification, roads, drinking water, telephone connectivity, irrigation and housing. Specific targets under each of these components have been set.

The agenda of Bharat Nirman involves both ongoing programmes and upscaling of some of the ongoing programmes like Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidhyutikaran Yojana, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana and use of Universal Service Obligation Fund for village public telephone. The effort is to impart a sense of urgency to the goals set to make the programme time-bound, transparent and accountable.

The preliminary estimate of expenditure has been assessed as about Rs. 1,76,000 crores. The State Governments have to provide appropriate matching share as per the norms of the various schemes.

Road projects in Rajasthan

2526. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being handled, presently, by the National Highways Authority of India, in Rajasthan;

(b) whether any targets were fixed for completion of those projects;

(c) if so, whether they have been achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any new projects are in pipeline for the State of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (e) The details of projects being handled by the National Highway Authority of India in Rajasthan are as under:

(Length in kilometres)

Project	Total length	Completed	Under implementation	To be awarded	Target date of completion
Golden Quadrilateral	722	722	—	—	Already completed
North-South Corridor	30	20	--	10	December, 2008
East-West Corridor	526	—	484	42	December, 2008
National Highway Development Project Phase-IIIA	186	—	165	21	December, 2009

Outsourcing opportunities for scientists

2527. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of scientists working with the Ministries is falling due to craze for outsourcing opportunities amongst the science community;

(b) if so, whether Government work is adversely affected by this migration of scientists; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that scientists are being deployed on administrative work rather than utilizing their scientific skills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) It may not be correct to state that the number of scientists working with the Ministries is falling